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KANSAS MATTERS



The Printing Grab Passed by the House Despite the Protests of Sneaker Elder.

A Conference Agreement Finally Reached on the Bill Apportioning the State Into Legislative Districts.

Governor Humphrey Sends a Long List of
Appointments to the Senate—Obase
Talks of the Preferences of the
Alliance in the Illinois Contest
—Officers Elected by
Kansas Odd Fel-

lowes — Notes

TOPEKA, Kan., March 11.—The conference committee appointed to adjust the difference between the two houses on the legislative apportionment bill, reported this morning. There are but few changes made from the original bill, and these are unimportant.

Lyon county will have two representatives instead of one, and Sheridan county is to have one. The original bill provided for 138 representatives, leaving two seats to be occupied by members from Morton and Sheridan. There are not so sufficient population. The new bill provides for 125 representatives at once, and leaves Morton to depend upon a delegate as here-

The state executive and judicial appropriation bill passed the house this morning. It was not satisfactory to the Alton members, but it was too late to start on ceremony, and the bill has to pass as it was, or no adjournment could be had this week. The house held the bill as a club to compel the senate to pass the printing bill. It makes an appropriation to pay the salaries of the metropolitan police commissioners, the fish commissioners and the state mine inspector. These appropriations were gall and wormwood to some of the members, but they swallowed it with-

The conference committee of the house and senate on the state printing bill, cut out the amendments made by the senate, and substituted an entirely new provision, that the executive council should have the power to decide what printing shall be ordered by the various state departments. Elder said that Rice, of Coffey, had been in collusion with Snow, and had been forced by him (Elder) to incorporate in the bill provisions allowing the executive

of them the man who has been at the center of controversy whether it be in my own party or among the senate on this matter, and the other man (Snow) has worked on this house on this proposition, on the theory that there is hatred rankling in my breast against the state printer. It is as false as H—itself. I regret it, but this is an organized raid on the state treasury by these two men, and if you Altonians will not sign the bill, all I have to say is "Good-bye you."

Mr. de Cofey, denied that there was a single word of truth in the statement that he was a tool of any organized raid on the treasury. "I am as poor as Job's turkey," he said, "but I defy any man on this floor to prove it."

The bill finally passed by a vote of 82 to 10. Whittington said, by way of explaining his vote, that men had been at work lobbying among the people's party. He declared that this was in his judgment the most shameful piece of hypocrisy he had ever seen practiced by any party.

"You cried reform all through the campaign, and you come here and say that you cannot make any reduction in the printer's fees."

Mr. Willard moved a complimentary vote of thanks to Speaker Elder, and to the officers of the house and their assistants.

The house message in reference to the world's fair was called up in the senate the first thing this morning. The house asked for a second conference committee, and Senator Bently moved that such committee be appointed. The first conference committee failed to agree. The senate demands that the senate elect two members of the board of managers, the house demands that the governor appoint them, but the house demands the privilege of electing three members. The senate members of the second conference committee are Senators Norton, Murdock and Moody.

Senator Osborne, in calling up the bill regulating the fees of the public printer, said that the senate had passed a bill reducing the fees about 33 per cent during the first of the session, and it has been in the other house, sleeping, and the other house keeps kicking it around, and the reformers, having turned their backs upon them, promising they made last fall, having refused to cut down these fees, and now we are forced to swallow this appropriation bill of about \$150,000. It is so late now that we can do no other way, we are obliged to pass it over when we know it is not right. This is the largest appropriation ever made

HUMPHREY'S APPOINTMENTS.
TOWNS, Kan., March 11.—The governor sent the following appointments to the

"Who was your choice among the leading candidates for the place?" he was asked.

"We would have preferred Streeter if he had stood by the principles we expected him to stand by. Our choice was Streeter first, Gresham second, and Palmer third."

"Do you consider it a victory for the farmers or Farmers' Mutual Benefit association?"

"In one sense I do; but of course it was a compromise between the Democrats and the farmers. The compromise was necessary, but it has been done with our assistance, and, in that sense, is a victory for us."

KANSAS METHODISTS.

GIARD, Kan., March 11.—The southern Kansas conference of the Methodist church met for its nineteenth session today in this city with Bishop S. M. Merrill in the chair. Rev. J. H. Williams was selected moderator, the bishop assisted by the presiding elders, celebrated the sacraments at the Lord's supper, many ministers and laymen were present. Rev. J. H. Stewart, presiding elder of the Emporia district, made a report of his work, and the characters of elders were passed. Rev. J. H. Stewart, presiding elder of the Emporia district, reported his work, and his elders were passed. The conference numbered 199 preachers and 30,000 members and embraces the southeast corner of the state. It will continue for a week.

KANSAS ODD FELLOWS.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., March 11.—The grand encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Kansas held today an interesting and profitable two day's session in this city this evening. The following named gentlemen were elected grand officers for the ensuing year: Grand patriarch, E. H. Belmont; grand pomeroxy, grand high priest, H. E. Pile, of McPherson; grand senior warden, S. H. Glenn, of Harper; grand junior warden, H. B. Aten; grand clerk, J. W. Cline, of Beloit; grand secretary, G. A. Brown, of Lawrenceville; grand treasurer, C. R. Shafer, of Council Grove; grand representatives, Thomas Beattie, of Atchison, and Geo. T. Devin, of Lawrensville. The next meeting will be held at Marysville on March 19, 1892.

THE NEW HAVEN RAILROAD CASE.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Counsel for the directors of the New Haven railroad today asked the grand jury to find the corporation liable for the death of the six victims of the recent tunnel accident, will meet any day to begin its defense. The corporation and not the directors individually, is subject to indictment and punishment if any statute of the state can be construed to make the directors liable. Counsel for the directors says that, as he understands it, the district attorney holds the directors liable only if they can be found against those directors on the ground that they ran their cars with stoves in them, in direct violation of the law. He says that the directors would be unlawful for any steam railroad doing business in this state to heat certain of its cars by stoves for furnace. The penalties are \$100 and \$100 a day for each day of the violation. Section 5 says that the violation of any provision of the act shall be a misdemeanor. The penal code prescribes that a person

No director, the defense claims, was ever engaged in committing a misdemeanor or a crime. If votes were used to elect or reelect a director, it was to elect or reelect a director who was qualified to fulfill his duties and to elect or reelect a director who was not a felon. While it is true that certain instances directors have been convicted of crimes, it will be found that they were only convicted of crimes that were not crimes that would disqualify them from serving as a director. It is also true that certain directors have been convicted of crimes that would disqualify them from serving as a director, but it will be found that they were only convicted of crimes that were not crimes that would disqualify them from serving as a director. It is also true that certain directors have been convicted of crimes that would disqualify them from serving as a director, but it will be found that they were only convicted of crimes that were not crimes that would disqualify them from serving as a director.

statutes. It was at first claimed that the corporation could do no wrong, and that the only persons who could do any wrong were those who governed its movements. But this was decided against the corporation about as soon as the plea was made, and now the statutes of this state expressly provide for the indictment of corporations.

CRIMINAL MALPRACTICE.—**KANSAS CITY, March 11.**—For the past two days, Coroner Gorman has been investigating the death of Margaret Burns, who died under suspicious circumstances last Monday in the office Dr. S. H. Brooks. The investigation was concluded this evening, and the jury brought its verdict of death by criminal malpractice, and holding Dr. Brooks and Louis Bowman responsible. Dr. Brooks has a license and is bonded in bonds for \$25,000. Bowman could not be found. Miss Burns was a daughter of President Burns, of the Western Show Case company, and was more or less prominent in society. She was the proprietor of the Elite restaurant. Dr. Brooks is prominent among the younger physicians in this city, and is a man of

FLOUR RATES AGAIN.

St. Louis, March 11.—The case of the Kauffman Milling company against the sale of railroad lines entering Texas, which was brought before the interstate commerce commission, has at last been decided, and the decision is against the flour interests of Missouri and Kansas, who were represented by the Kauffman Milling company, and in favor of the Texas millers. The commissioners decide that the rates charged by the railroads from St. Louis and other points in Missouri and Kansas to points in Texas, which are 5 cents per hundred weight (and sometimes more) in excess of the rates from Texas to Texas, must, but that a differential exceeding that amount is discrimination.

A HYGIENE CONGRESS.
WASHINGTON, March 11.—The state department has been informed by the British minister at Washington that the seventh session of the international congress of hygiene and demography will be held in London from Aug. 10 to 17 next under the presidency of his royal highness, the Prince of Wales. The governments of all countries, municipalities, country councils and other public health authorities, universities, colleges and all societies which are occupied in the study of the sciences more or less immediately connected with hygiene are invited to co-operate and appoint delegates to represent them.

A COSTLY VOTE.
CHICAGO, March 11.—"What do you think of bringing a unit over 8,000 miles to vote and pay the entire expense of the journey?" asked Mr. Thomas A. Wilson, of Bridgewater, N. S., at the auditorium today. "That is what the Canadian Pacific railroad did just previous to the last election. There was a precinct in Winnipeg that was known to be doubtful, with the liberals slightly in the lead. The man whose franchise was needed to provide there was Honolulu. He consented to return to Winnipeg to vote, influencing expenses were paid. Some one was out over \$150 for the trip."

THE BRAZILIAN TREATY.
WASHINGTON, March 11.—Brazilian newspapers have been received at the state department containing a decree by the Brazilian president declaring the ports of that country free and open to the imports of the United States that were included in the recent reciprocity agreement thus settling at rest the rumors that have been current and the assertions that have come from various quarters that the Brazilian government did not recognize the validity of the treaty.

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WE'VE HEARD OF HIM.
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 11.—During the past year much trouble has existed in the Christian church of Little Rock on account of the eccentricities of the pastor, Rev. Thomas J. Shelton, formerly a resident of Wichita, Kan. In fact the congregation divided, and a new church edifice was purchased, although the Shelton church means to remain in existence. It was alleged that Rev. Mr. Shelton preached everything but pure Christianity and that his infatuation for certain members of the church was not in keeping with the teaching of the meek and lowly

savior. Selton and one of his parishioners, a Mrs. Brack, wife of a highly respected business man, established a monthly newspaper devoted to the dissemination of the Christian doctrine. The tone of the paper was entirely in the extreme, and more severe than Christlike, while the sermons of the pastor became more and more extravagant until his own congregation finally commanded him to resign. This the pastor refused to do, and on last Sunday night he preached a sermon in which he claimed to be a second Christ, and that he and a lady member of the congregation were going out into the world

FIGHTING THE INEVITABLE.
NEW YORK, March 11.—Lawyer Ambrose H. Purdy, counsel for Harris A. Smiley and John Edgar Hoover, U. S. attorney, Sloanism, have joined forces in an effort to save their clients from being electrocuted in Sing Sing prison during the week beginning March 16. Smiley is the Salvation Army lieutenant who murdered one of his three wives on April 3, 1890. Sloanism is the base ball player who killed his wife

On December 31, 1989, The court of appeals has affirmed the judgment in both cases, and the application to be made in behalf of the condemned men will sit on the United States circuit court, on the ground that both murderers have been deprived of their constitutional rights in the matter of conviction. This assertion is supported by the fact that John R. Heinzelman, who acted as counsel for both men at the time of trial, was not a member of the bar of this state.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 11.—Fire tonight, caused by a gas explosion, destroyed the Weldon building at the corner of Wood and Second streets. The Board of Trade building across the street, and the Germania bank building caught fire and were destroyed. The Weldon Stationery company occupied the former building. Loss on building and stock, \$125,000.—insurance, \$68,000.—loss on Germania bank building, \$75,000.—insurance, \$50,000.—loss on Board of Trade building, \$300,000. The fire spread to Germania's safe and stock room, which was destroyed. The total loss on the stocks and buildings run the loss at a little over a million.

THE HUSBAND WINS.

LONDON, March 11.—The friends of Mrs. E. H. Jackson, whose abduction by her husband at Clitheroe on Sunday last caused an immense sensation, finding that any further attempts to take the lady from her husband were useless, decided to abandon the siege.

IRELAND'S CROPS.
DUBLIN, March 11. The Irish local government board has issued its report on the failure of the potato crop and the situation in the congested districts. The report sets forth that the districts in which the blight appeared constitute nearly one-half of the entire country, and that the disease is distributed in all plantings, of old champion seed, the disease, resulting qualities of which have lately become very weak. In some places where the soil is light and dry the yield is excellent, but in the mountain districts and where the land is wet and cold the failure was more

Some of the inspectors' report to be in good circumstances, but confronted with a scarcity of potatoes which had not been equalled in thirty years. The districts, a distress aggravated by the unwillingness of local tradesmen to grant credit so early in the season.

Some of the inspectors' report to be in a state of extreme distress; failure is probably equivalent to a loss, to those affected of the midday meal and perhaps a part of their supplies for a portion of the year. The inspectors are generally of the opinion that the local people will be relieved. It is also shown that the distress is still on the increase. Applications for relief are confined to the congested districts of the west and south. Between this time and the month of April it is feared that the pressure for relief will become more general.

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 11.—The senate today approved a bill which will require every railroad company of 100 miles or more in length in this state, and which railroad was constructed under a franchise or charter from this state, to have its terms of service for conduct, operation and management of such railway system located in this state. The penalty for violating the law is forfeiture of the charter. The bill has an emergency clause which expires on the 1st of June. Its purpose, to prevent the Missouri, Kansas and Texas from removing its offices from Sedalia to Parsons, Kan. The house this morning passed the bill abolishing special sessions of the senate. It also passed a bill to amend this morning amended the resolution submitting a constitutional amendment providing for pennington police making it optional instead of obligatory with the state. The senate today passed a bill, which was introduced by the governor, to amend the law relating to the payment bill, but reached no action.

A TOUGH STORY.

TACOMA, Wash., March 11.—A prominent physician of this city has made a startling and horrible revelation. Two months ago he was called to the death bed of a Swede named Lars Peterson, who was suffering from cancer of the stomach. Two years ago, while working at the Silverthorn packing house at Sioux City, he killed a man named Larson Haxstrum while the latter was fighting a bear. Peterson hid his body down the chute with the carcasses killed that day. Near morning he took the body to the chopping blocks, cut it up and threw the pieces into the furnace. He hid the bones in the cooling room among piles of pork left there for months. He burned the clothes in the furnace. He lived in a small room in the packing house. After the murder and flight came to Tacoma.

NEW CORPORATIONS.
TOPEKA, Kan., March 11.—The secretary of state has granted charters to the following new Kansas corporations:
The Methodist Episcopal church, of Elsmore, Allen county. Trustees—H. W. Cox, W. D. Cox, C. D. Willoughby, T. Harburt, W. Framel.
The G. A. R. National Memorial college

The **W. A. National Insurance** Co. of Illinois, Trustees—Laura A. Minter, Ben Fagan, W. H. Heppley and L. M. Ballou, of Ellsworth; Mary E. Bowler, Leadville, Col.; Agnes N. Pick, Salina, Kan.

The **Western Electric Storage and Battery** company, of Kansas City, Kan. Directors—Thomas F. Ciochey, A. J. Vandlandingham, Hugh J. McIsowen, E. M. Stevens, Thomas Tooley and Henry Berner, of Kansas City, Mo.; N. McQuinn, A. B. Stone, A. A. Lovace, Charles Lovelace and V. J. Lane, of Kansas City, Kan. Capital stock, \$500,000.

AN EXCEPTION TAKEN.
 ARDMORE, I. T., March 11.—A sensation was created in the United States court yesterday, in the trial of the case of the government against a negro man charged with the attempted criminal assault upon a 14-year-old girl. The testimony had been introduced, counsel had delivered themselves of their pre-arranged remarks and the judge, in the presence of his charge. He stated that the defendant did a certain thing on a certain date. The latter furiously exclaimed: "I was not there, I was not doing any such thing!" Consternation reigned with jury, bar and audience. The irate prisoner was brought to a halt by the interference of a sergeant for the government. He was sentenced to six month's imprisonment in jail, and five years in the Detroit penitentiary upon

THE EXPORT CATTLE LAW.

THE PROCTOR PARTY.
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., March 11.—Secretary Proctor and party spent today in examining the historical Chickamauga battle field. The weather was disagreeable, raining falling almost all day, but the visitors, including the ladies, braved the inclemency of the weather and spent a very interesting day. Secretary Proctor will proceed at once with negotiation with the owners for the land needed for the park. More than 2,000 acres will be secured. Secretary Proctor, Attorney General Miller, Gen. Williams, Gen. Batchelor, and Secretary Proctor's aides, left for the park at 10 o'clock for Atlanta, where they will remain a day or two, and then proceed to Florida.

REORGANIZED: :
KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 11.—A caucus of the stockholders of the reorganized American National bank, which failed some two months ago, was held tonight and it was decided to elect Maj. Andrew Drumm, the noted cattle dealer, president. Other officers were decided upon and the choice will be formally ratified tomorrow.